

Behavioral Health Advisory Council

2104 W. Laburnum Ave

Richmond, VA 23227

June 18, 2014

I. Attendance

Present: Sherry Confer, Catharine Harrison, Livia Jansen, Margaret Anne Lane, Rhonda Thissen, Kathleen Levenston, Ron Pritchard, Jan Brown, Kati Dean, Anne Edgerton, Stephany Melton-Hardison, Bonnie Neighbour, Larry Almarode, Becky Sterling, Lauren Ball, Jane Ellis, Heather Seaman, Amanda Rode, Dr. Nair

Absent: Katharine Hunter, Susan Williams, William Williams, Anthony Duncan, Lisa Moore, Cheryl Ann Bowman, Elizabeth Drapen, Tammy Farmer, Shannon Haworth, Mary Aab, Lynn DelaMer, Susan Fletcher, Shatada Floyd-White

II. Guests

Sarah Rudden, Betsy Lalla, Stephen Dawe

III. Opening of Business

Jane Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

IV. Welcome, Introductions, Public Comment

Introductions were made around the room. No public comment.

V. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Council reviewed the minutes and corrections were requested. Bonnie Neighbour motioned for approval of the minutes as amended, Anne Edgerton seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

VI. Financial Update

Anne Edgerton gave the financial update for the Council. There are still leftover funds in the conference category. After discussion, Becky Sterling moved to let the Executive

Committee decide what to do with leftover funds; Heather Seaman seconded and all voted in favor.

VII. Membership Update

Anne Edgerton gave the membership update in Lynn DelaMer's (Membership Committee Chair) absence. The committee recommended one candidate from last meeting: Stephen Dawe. Stephen Dawe was unanimously voted onto the Council. The Membership Committee will meet over lunch during this meeting to discuss two additional applications for membership: Betsy Lalla and Todd Butterworth, which can be voted on this afternoon if recommended.

VIII. Vote for Secretary

There was an open position for Secretary as Kathryn Merritt resigned from the Council. Larry Almarode was voted on by a majority vote as the new Secretary.

IX. DBHDS Update

Margaret Anne Lane gave an update on Substance Abuse Services. The Governor's Substance Abuse Services Council (SASC) has begun a study regarding marijuana policy. The study will continue next year, and the Council's Annual Report will include its recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. Through the REVIVE! Project, the Office of Substance Abuse Services is providing trainings in the administration of naloxone to treat opioid overdose.

Rhonda Thissen reported that the state budget as approved by the House and Senate does not reduce any funding requested for behavioral health services, although the budget bill has not yet been signed by the Governor. One item of note in the 2015-2016 budget is an allocation of \$7.5 million for services specifically designed for young adults experiencing the initial onset of serious mental illness. She also stated that the federal government has required the states to set aside 5% of their Mental Health Block Grant allocation for services to this population as well, and if the state budget is approved, state and federal funds will be combined to fund services for transition-age adults ages 16-25. The National Institute of Mental Health is developing models for early onset psychotic disorders, including a team-focused model of services called RAISE (Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenic Episode) that include community treatment, a team of providers, therapists, doctors, peer support specialists, and case managers, who will assist young adults to learn how to manage their health conditions. There has been an approval to reinstate cuts to programs funded with Mental Health Block Grant funds that were cut last year due to the federal budget sequester, and also funding to expand

NAMI's family network in the state. DBHDS also has a separate contract to collect data on civil commitments to analyze and identify trends starting July 1st. Also on July 1st DBHDS is launching a brand new redesigned website, including an updated site for the Council.

Sherry Confer from DMAS updated the council on a peer bridger project coordinated by Magellan. Magellan is a nationwide managed care company that has approved peer bridgers in other states. They offered the same model to Virginia from inpatient settings to the community, and the two organizations are working on a Virginia-specific model to move forward peer involvement in Magellan's managed-care operation.

X. Block Grant Recipient Presentation: MHAV

Anne Edgerton of Mental Health America of Virginia (MHAV) gave a presentation on MHAV's programs under the Block Grant, which include recovery conferences, the statewide Warm Line, and technology support for the Advance Directives website and videos.

XI. Committee Meetings

The Membership Committee discussed two applications over lunch. The committee put forward Betsy Lalla for membership. Jan Brown motioned, Rhonda seconded and Betsy was approved for membership to the Council.

XII. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 2:26.